

Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A beverage composition comprising:

- (a) a chondroprotective agent selected from the group consisting of gelatin, cartilage, aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, methylsulfonylmethane, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof;
- (b) a sweetening agent which comprises selected from the group consisting of sorbitol, mannitol, xylitol, erythritol, malitol, maltose, lactose, fructooligosaccharides, lo han guo, stevioside, acesulfame, sucralose, saccharin, xylene, arabinose, levulose, isomalt, ribose and mixture thereof;
- (c) at least about 75% water, by weight of the composition, and
- (d) less than about 18 grams total carbohydrate per every 230 milliliters of the composition.

2. (Original) A composition according to Claim 1 wherein the chondroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof.

[Claim 3 has been cancelled]

4. (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 2 wherein the chondroprotective agent is selected from the group consisting of aminosugars, glycosaminoglycans, S-adenosylmethionine, and mixtures thereof and wherein:

- (a) the aminosugars are selected from the group consisting of glucosamine and salts thereof; and
- (b) the glycosaminoglycans are selected from the group consisting of chondroitin and salts thereof.

[Claims 5-8 have been cancelled]

9. (Currently Amended) A composition according to Claim 8 4 further comprising one or more beverage components selected from the group consisting of fruit juice, tea, milk solids, and mixtures thereof.

[Claim 10 has been cancelled]

11. (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 9 further comprising one or more nutrients.

12 (Previously presented) A composition according to Claim 9 further comprising one or more omega-3-fatty acids.

[Claims 13-42 have been cancelled]

43. (Currently amended) A kit comprising:

(a) a composition according to Claim 1- 4; and

(b) information that administration of the composition to mammals, including those with diabetes, promotes joint health, bone health, and anti-inflammation of joints.

[Claims 44-50 have been cancelled]